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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains from the direction of Schoenwalde-Schoenow passing through Bernau on 3 and 4 October 1953 included:

On 3 October. A train of an undetermined number of cars carrying 7 light armored scout cars, 12 armored half-track vehicles with twin-barreled machine guns, 15 x 120-mm mortars, 30 x 82-mm mortars, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 field kitchens, 8 jeeps, 80 trucks, including 8 trucks loaded with equipment, and about 500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicle

The train proceeded toward Eberswalde.

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On 4 October. A train of an undetermined number of cars carrying 30 JS tanks, and 6 trucks, which probably were loaded at Buch. The train proceeded toward Zepernick.

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2. Troop trains loaded at the Bernau railroad station on 5 October included: a train of an undetermined number of cars with 20 JS tanks, which left toward Eberswalde; a train of an undetermined number of cars with 50 trucks, also left toward Eberswalde; a train of 15 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars probably with T-34 tanks and trucks and a troop train of 6 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with another 20 tanks which left toward Eberswalde.¹

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3. Since 5 October, the Bekleidungsamt on Schwanebecker Chaussee in Bernau has been reoccupied.²

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1. Comment. Vehicle indicate that, on 3 October 1953, components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div probably returned to Eberswalde. On 1 October 1953, these units went by road to the training area west and southwest of Bernau. Between 2 and 5 October 1953 units of the 6th Mecz Div and 25th Tank Div conducted combined field exercises in the above area. After termination of the field exercises, the units of the 25th Tank Div were shipped to the Templin troop training grounds and Prenzlau.

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Some of the five troop trains reported in the present report were previously mentioned 50X1-HUM

Elements of the 83d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div also belonged to units carried by these trains.

2. Comment. After completion of the field exercises mentioned in Field Comment 1, the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which probably had participated in these maneuvers possibly returned to its winter quarters at the Bekleidungsamt I on Schwanebecker Chaussee in Bernau. 50X1-HUM

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